

U. S. MAN IS RAIL AGENT AT VERDUN

'Hair-Trigger Thirteenth' Engineers Have Many Duties in France.

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WITH THE AMERICAN ARMY AT THE FRONT, October 4.—Verdun, which the Germans battered in vain for four years, now has an American station agent who is the most important man in the city aside from the military commander. Capt. V. H. Hingebarger, a former division superintendent of the Chicago, Rock Island and Pacific road at Bureau, Ill., and now an officer in the American Army engineering regiment, recruited from six western railroads, holds the unique distinction of being the leading citizen in the historic French city.

Operates 100 Miles of Road.

His regiment operates more than 100 miles of railroad, a large part of it being under shellfire, and it is a night seldom passes without the tracks being cut in some place. The French have actually had to cover more and more lines of track, doubling that which the organization originally operated. The men, mailed with by the acquisition of the Verdun terminal a few weeks ago. The latest acquisition is the old Compagnie Verdun line, which was again opened to traffic when the Germans were driven from the St. Mihiel salient.

One of the greatest exploits of the American engineers was the ballasting and laying with screw spikes of ninety-pound rail on 1,100 meters (about one mile) of standard gauge road in twenty-four hours. The French military authorities could not believe that such rapid work was possible until they were told that trains were already running on the new lines. The work was performed by French and Chinese laborers with American bosses. The road has handled as many as seventy trains in a single day.

Practically every man in the regiment has learned French from a year's association with the French people and work of under the French military authorities. The peasants consider them adopted natives of the country. Each station is surrounded by French gardens. More than thirty of these are tended by the railroaders between trains, and they furnish fresh vegetables three months a year.

Enter the Stork.

About 1 o'clock one morning recently a vigorous pounding at the door of his private barracks awoke Lieut. George Eaker of Montana, one of the regimental surgeons. A barefoot French Garcon said that a woman in the nearby village of Sommeilles urgently needed his presence. Before daylight France's military strength was increased by a lusty member of the class of 1917. The father was a joiner in the French army, at home on leave of absence to attend this important family event.

Later on the same morning Capt. Francis E. Taylor started a bank account for the future soldier with a deposit of 50 francs (\$10), which was part of a fund his mother in Chicago had sent him to assist needy French families. This is just one of the many daily acts which are increasing the bonds of sympathy between the American engineering regiment and the French civil and military population.

"Hair-Trigger Thirteenth."

The outfit calls itself the "Hair-Trigger Thirteenth," and despite the constant operation of trains for more than a year without interruption of service, it has not had a single casualty. Since President Wilson spells success in a series of thirteens, and since Gen. Pershing celebrated his last birthday on Friday, the 12th, by cutting off the St. Mihiel salient, the men are more enthusiastic than ever over the lucky number.

POLISH SOLDIERS ARRIVE ON THE ITALIAN FRONT

Developments Make the Strategic Reconsideration of Austrian Situation Necessary.

BY EDGAR ANSEL MOWBRER.
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VENICE, Italy, October 5.—A Polish military mission is now in Rome to announce the arrival of a group of Polish soldiers on the Italian front and to arrange for the coming of a vastly greater body in the immediate future. This development makes a strategic reconsideration of the Austrian situation absolutely necessary, and it is doubtless being studied more keenly here than the defense of invaded Serbia will be left by the Germans to the Austrians. Austria will thus again be vulnerable from the south and open to converging attacks from the Serbian and Italian fronts.

The gravity of the Austro-Hungarian situation would seem to be better appreciated in Germany than in the dual monarchy itself. The Vossische Zeitung declared some days ago that if Bulgaria arranged for an armistice with the allies the capitulation of Turkey would be necessary, and that one of the first consequences of the new situation would be the reunion of Rumania with the entente. Then all the Balkan states would fall into the hands of the western powers, who would make of them a precious base for operations against Austria-Hungary. The entente will be able to throw against Austria the British armies operating against Turkey, and the Balkan armies can raise a revolt among the Slavs in Austria, especially the Jugo-Slavs.

It is clear that Austria-Hungary could not resist such pressure, and her capitulation would be only a question of time. These obvious considerations render the spreading of the allied offensive regions now actually quiet extremely probable.

HOUSE ADJOURNS OVER UNTIL TOMORROW

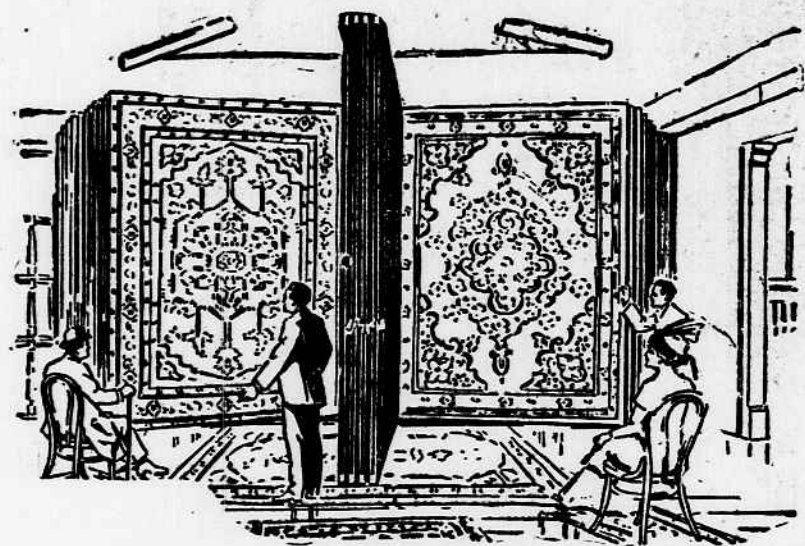
After the reading of the Journal the House yesterday adjourned until tomorrow.

Acting House Leader Rainey asked unanimous consent that the House should adjourn until Wednesday. Representative Frank Wood of Iowa, who was recently succeeded by Representative Fess of Ohio as chairman of the republican national congressional committee, objected.

Beginning Monday at 10, The Hecht Co.'s October Sale of Carpets, Rugs, Lace Curtains, Upholsteries and Bedwear

A REMARKABLE exploitation of the very things that have felt the pressure of high prices. Fittings for the home in a great, definite economy event that is sure to appeal to Thrifty Homemakers.

WE'VE prepared well—INTENSIVELY—and await your inspection and approval. Buy what you need—buy ALL you need—buy liberally, for none can tell when such opportunity prices will again be offered.



Special \$11.00 9x12 Wool and Fiber Rugs. Can be reversed and easily cleaned, as patterns and colorings are woven through to floor side; suitable for any room. **\$7.95**

\$2.75 Wool Velvet Carpet, Yard, \$1.98

Patterns and colors for hall and stairs or for entire rooms; woven very firmly, with a deep nap.

\$1.85 Velvet Carpet, Yard, \$1.35

\$3.15 Axminster Carpet, Yard, \$2.25

Extra heavy quality, showing a deep, soft nap that will give excellent wear; choice of Chinese or conventional patterns.

\$1.00 Brussels Carpet, Yard, 79c

Axminster Rugs

Special \$46.75 9x12 Axminsters Developed in the nearest all-over and Oriental effects and colorings that will harmonize with any type of room decoration. **\$33.75**

\$65.75 9x12 Axminster Rugs, \$49.65

The patterns follow Chinese and Oriental motifs and come in color combinations of tan, brown or blue. They are beautifully woven and promise the most durable service.

\$45.00 8.3x10.6 Axminster Rugs, \$31.25

A wide range of patterns and colorings, in designs and rich color contrasts that are appropriate for any room.

\$7.45 36x63 Axminster Rugs, \$4.25

Very desirable for hallways as well as in rooms, the designs and colorings matching larger size rugs.

\$3.00 27x34 Axminster Rugs, \$2.15

A much wanted size, in all-over and oriental effects which match room-size rugs.

\$27.50 6x9 Axminster Rugs, \$18.65

The ideal size for reception halls and smaller rooms, in artistic motifs and color blendings.

\$25.00 18x36 Axminster Rugs, \$1.89

In demand for doorways, as well as to protect larger rugs in rooms; neat in design and appearance.

Wilton Rugs

Special \$66.50 8.3x10.6 Wiltons The finest quality material is used in making these rugs—the result, they have the rich, soft colors and appearance of real oriental rugs, in distinctive all-over and medallion designs. **\$48.75**

\$47.50 6x9 Wilton Rugs, \$36.75

Beautiful heavy quality that lies close to the floor, in neat patterns for libraries and reception halls.

\$18.45 26x63 Wilton Rugs, \$14.85

Especially appropriate for rooms with polished floors; in designs to match the larger rug.

\$9.45 27x34 Wilton Rugs, \$7.25

Doorway size, or to match larger rugs in rooms.

\$6.50 27x34 Wilton Rugs, \$4.75

Plain colors or oriental blendings, to harmonize with larger rugs.

Brussels Rugs

\$32.75 9x12 Brussels Rugs Dependable Brussels Rugs in a large assortment of patterns and colors, including lovely medallion and all-over effects. **\$23.75**

\$27.50 8.3x10.6 Brussels Rugs, \$18.95

Parlor and bedroom styles in harmonious oriental and all-over designs.

\$18.75 6x9 Brussels Rugs, \$12.85

For medium sized rooms, showing artistic floral and oriental motifs.

\$12.50 27x34 Brussels Rugs, 89c

Woven very closely to give long wear, in colorings of tan, brown and green.

\$3.00 27x34 Velvet Rugs, \$2.25

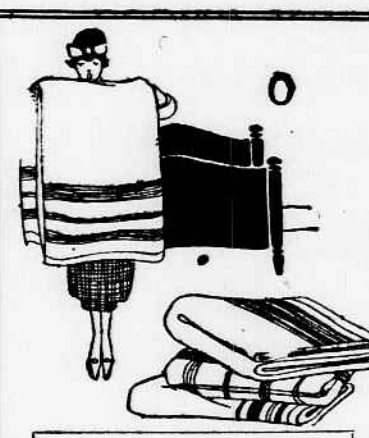
Made in neat oriental and all-over effects that are desirable for any home use.

Congoleum Rugs

\$12.75 9x10 1/2 Congoleum Rugs The rug with the famous Gold Seal label, and the Gold Seal guarantee; firmly, durably made; sanitary; easily cleaned; clinging close to the floor. **\$7.90**

95c Congoleum, Yard, 69c

In parquet, matting and conventional designs, for dining room or kitchen. A real special. Bring measurements.



Blankets Comforts and Bedwear

Such Values in the Sale of that Thrifty Folks will realize the importance of BUYING NOW at these prices.

\$19.95 For All-Wool Blankets—Very attractive patterns and color combinations of blue, pink or gray, with white; finished with deep silk binding; size 70x70.

\$14.95 For Wool Plaid Blankets—Size 66x80, in neat plaid and overlaid designs; blue, gray or tan most prominent.

\$12.95 For Wool Mixed Blankets—White, gray or fawn, enhanced by pink or blue borders. Some are slightly soiled.

\$5.50 For Heavy Gray Blankets—They have a very desirable heavy fleece nap and solid gray centers, with pink or blue borders; size 64x76.

\$4.85 For Heavy Plaid Cotton Blankets—Size 64x76, in combination colorings in gray, blue and tan.

\$8.95 For Part Wool Blankets—Substantial blankets; part wool; gray with pink or blue borders and mohair bindings. Size 60x80.

Imitation Silk-Covered Comforts, \$12.95. The centers are in an attractive figured design and borders plain; filled with fine lamb's wool; colors, rose, blue and green.

Sateen-Covered Comforts, \$10.95. The covering is a good quality sateen; floral patterns surrounded by plain borders; filled with lamb's wool.

Bleached Sheets, \$1.79. Seconds, with slight imperfections; seamless; size 81x90.

Bleached Sheets, Each, \$1.95. Very desirable seamless sheets, hand-torn, containing absolutely no dressing; size 81x90.

Sateen-Covered Comforts, \$6.95. Serviceable sateen; figured all-over design or with plain border; filled with good cotton; double-bed size.

Bleached Pillowcases, Each, 35c. Size 42x36; of good quality muslin, with deep hems.

White Crochet Bedspreads, \$2.45. Neat patterns in double-bed size spreads, 72x84.

Extra Size Bedspreads, \$2.95. These are exceptionally heavy spreads, prettily designed, nicely finished, in size 80x90. —Third Floor, Annex.

Portieres

Keep step with Home Craft Week, bringing new hangings that will delight the eye and please the careful buyer.

Silk Tapestry Portieres, Pair, \$17.95.

The new verdure effects, beautiful combinations of colorings in rose, tan and blue.

Art Silk Frou Frou Portieres, Pair, \$12.85.

Charming color contrasts of rose and green, brown, gold, two-toned greens, two-tone rose, blue and brown and old blue; beautifully woven.

\$10 Mercerized Tapestry Portieres, Pair, \$8.50.

These come in plain colorings of rose, blue, brown and green.

\$6.50 Tapestry Portieres, Pair, \$4.95.

Choice of mulberry, brown, blue, red and old rose, and neat, desirable patterns.

Heavy Couch Covers, Each, \$2.25.

Popular oriental striped covers, made of substantial fabric. —Third Floor, Annex.

Home Craft Week

RECOGNIZED as the Season's Opening, the "Fashion Show" of the Drapery Departments, presenting the best and newest ideas in Lace Curtains and other hangings and draperies.

\$5 Curtains, Special, Pair, \$3.85

A great variety of patterns and styles, including Irish point, novelty cluny lace and Nottingham curtains; also some of artistic voiles.

New Filet Lace Window Panels, Yard, \$2.69, \$2.95, \$3.25 and \$3.50.

The newest materials in exceptionally beautiful designs and the popular ivory tint; suitable for any width of window and 2 1/2 yards deep.

Imported Irish Point Curtains, Pair, \$7.50.

And some novelty curtains at this price; handsome patterns in white or ivory.

Marquiesette Window Panels, Each, \$1.69.

Lace trimmed with filet and embroidered medallions, in white only; 2 1/4 yards long.

\$1.00 and \$1.25 Scrim Curtains, Pair, 78c.

Dainty scrim curtains ornamented with lace edges; prettily lace-inserted—real bargains at this price. —Third Floor, Annex.

Nottingham, Scrim and Voile Curtains, \$1.15.

A great assortment of patterns, white or ecru; 2 1/2 yards long.

New Printed Marquiesettes, Yard, 49c.

A splendid imitation of high-priced draperies, useful for curtains, draping and other decorative effects; new designs in printed marquiesettes with colored borders; principally brown, blue, green and rose.

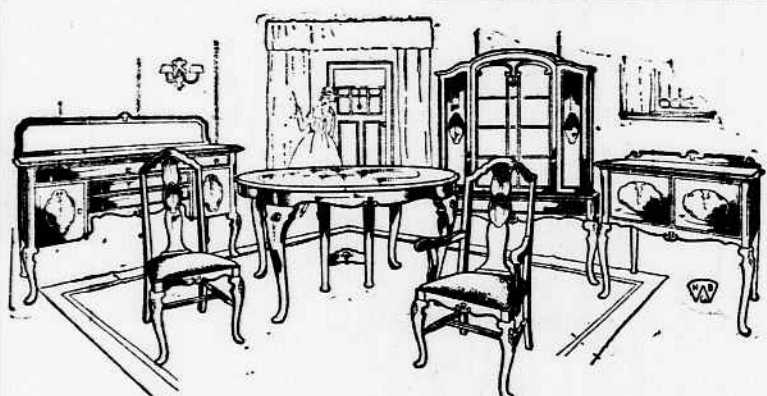
Curtainings and Draperies, Yard, 35c.

Cretonnes, marquiesettes, voiles or madras. Some of the voiles have artistic colored borders. The large assortment includes a variety of draperies as well as curtains.

Special—Full Size Curtain Stretchers, 89c.

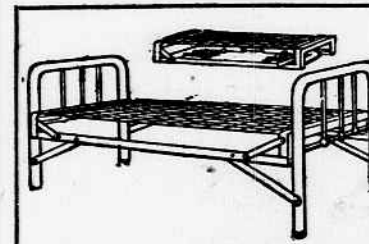
Complete with all attachments. Limit, one to a customer.

Here's a Straight Tip to Patriotic Householders



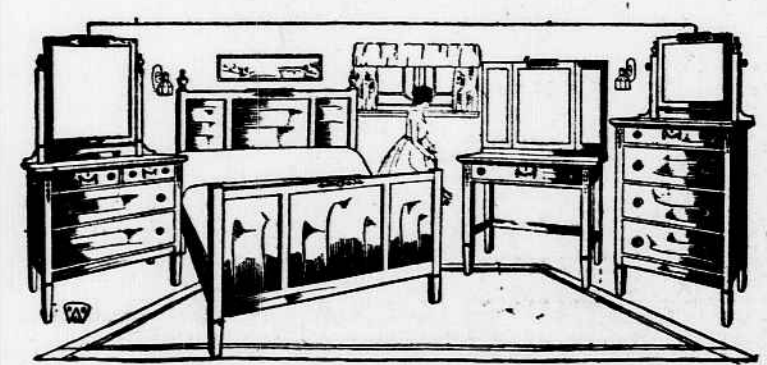
An Exclusive 10-Piece Queen Anne Suite

THE wood is a rich American walnut, distinguished by burl walnut paneling, and there is a commodious compartment server and buffet, china closet, extension table, and one arm and five side chairs upholstered in tapestry. **\$285**



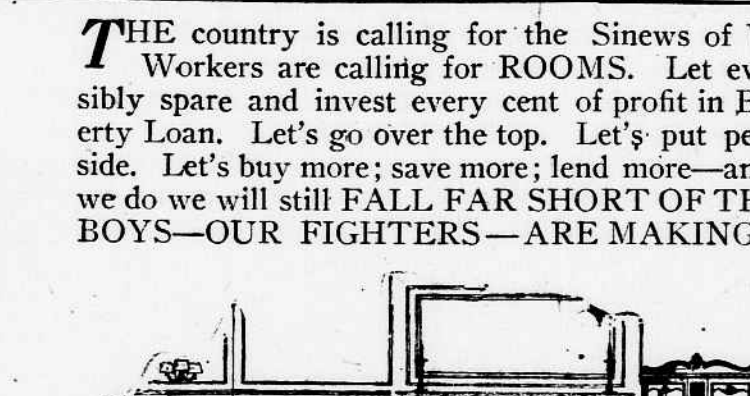
A Folding Bed, \$11.85

The 3-foot 6-inch size, fully equipped with high riser Rome link springs, finished with heavy band edges.



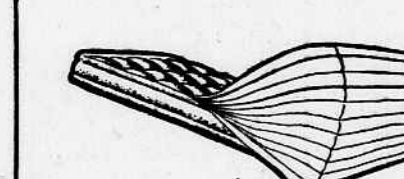
A Splendid Suite in Sheraton Design

WE bought a carload of these months ago. The price advantage is yours now—an artistic suite of American walnut or old ivory, handsomely constructed, a reproduction of a Sheraton design. **\$98**



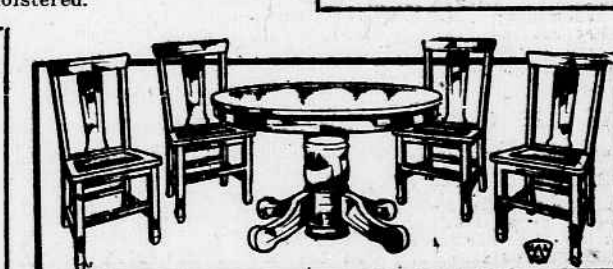
A Distinguished Suite of Genuine Mahogany

LOVERS of real art will be delighted with this beautiful suite with both Queen and Renaissance tendencies, consisting of a square-topped extension table, a high-legged Old English china closet, long buffet, server, and one arm and five side chairs richly upholstered. **\$365**



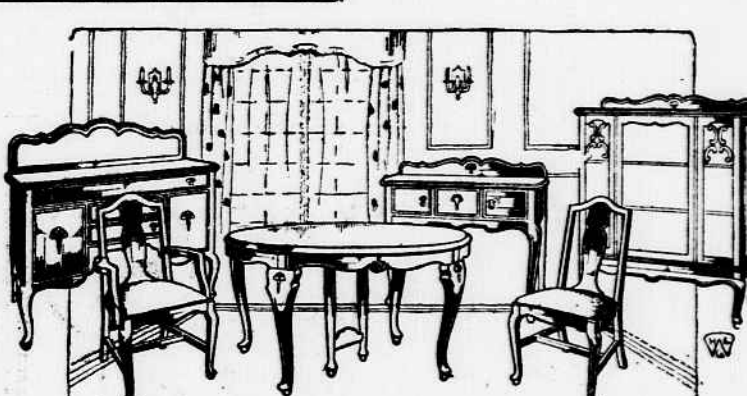
Hair and Felt Mattress, \$12.75

Prices of Mattresses are going up and you do not see many with top and bottom layers of felt and a hair-filled center, finished with rolled edges, for \$12.75.



Dining Room Furnishings for Only

FOR this price, a table which extends to six feet, and four chairs constructed with box frames and padded seats covered in imitation leather—all four pieces of nicely finished golden oak. **\$24.75**



A Queen Anne Dining Room Suite for

THE Queen Anne period is here illustrated in either American walnut or mahogany, ten pieces, all good sized, showing a simple but artistic ornamentation and having one arm and five side chairs upholstered in tapestry or genuine Spanish leather. **\$265**

Drop-Side Couch, \$6.95

A sturdy all-metal couch, easily converted into double-bed size. It has desirable rolled springs.



A Charming William and Mary Bedroom Set

RICH mahogany is used for the development of this fascinating suite—dresser, chiffonier, toilet table and bed, quietly ornamented with poster knobs and a neat-carved outline. **\$157.50**

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